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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**Minutes: Conservation Commission Meeting Date:
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
Remote Meeting**

7:00 p.m. - Call to Order

The Westwood Conservation Commission meeting of Wednesday October 27, 2021, 2021 at 7:00 PM. is being held through Zoom due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and in compliance with the Governor's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law MGL C. 30A, §18 and the Governor's March 23 Emergency Order imposing limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place.

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The following members are present: Stephen David (acting chairperson), Todd Weston, Todd Sullivan and Vesna Maneva. Member John Rogers is absent. Conservation Agent, Karon Skinner Catrone was also present.

Approval of Minutes: Consideration of Minutes for Meeting of May 13, 2020, June 10, 2020, June 24, 2020, July 8, 2020, December 9, 2020, May 5, 2021, June 23, 2021, July 28, 2021, September 8, 2021, September 21, 2021 and October 13, 2021.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. David, to approve the minutes of the 6/23/21 meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. David, to approve the minutes of the 7/28/21 meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Weston, to approve the minutes of the 9/8/21 meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Weston, to approve the minutes of the 9/21/21 meeting at 7:00 pm. Unanimous.

Mr. David announces this meeting is being recorded.

Action Items:

1. Request for Minor Modification – DEP #338-0697 – 11 Fox Meadow Drive - Present is Kristine Meaney of Site Design Professionals representing the Wael Asaad, owner of 11 Fox Meadow Drive. Ms. Meaney states the applicant is requesting removal of two (2) White pines to allow equipment access to the rear yard for work approved under Order of Conditions DEP #338-0697. Ms. Catrone states she has requested the applicant submit a Request to the Commission because these trees were required as mitigation plantings.

Ms. Meaney states two spruce trees will be planted in their place when the project is complete.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Weston, to approve the removal of the two White pines, shown on the plan titled NOTICE OF INTENT/BUILDING PERMIT PLAN 11 FOX MEADOW DRIVE IN WESTWOOD” dated Nov. 15, 2019. The plan with the trees to be removed and the location of replacement trees can be found under project CC-21-78 in Viewpoint.

Unanimous.

2. Request for Certificate of Compliance – DEP #338-0168 – 85 – 87 Harford Street – Ms. Catrone states this Order of Conditions is very old and I was unable to find the filing because it has been archived. She states she did an inspection and requested some yard debris and Japanese Knotweed be removed from the site. This work has been completed.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Weston, to issue a Certificate of Compliance for DEP #338-0168. Unanimous.

3. Request for Minor Modification – DEP #338-0688 – 169 Mill Street - The applicant is not present.
4. Request for Minor Modification – DEP #338-406 – 105 Beechnut Road – Ms. Catrone states at the last meeting the applicant requested a Certificate of Compliance but there were several deviations from the approved plan. The Commission agrees a request for minor modification must be submitted and approved prior to issuance of a Certificate of Compliance. Ms. Catrone states she explained this to the applicant but never received any paperwork from the applicant. The applicant is not present.

Approval of Minutes: Consideration of Minutes for the Meetings of July 28, 2021, September 8, 2021, September 21, 2021 with the Planning Board and September 21, 2021 after the meeting with the Planning Board.

Public Hearings:

42 Mill Street – Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0706 – Delapa – continued from 9/8/21

Ms. Catrone states the applicant has requested another continuance to November 10, 2021. Out of necessity Mr. David voted on the continuance of the hearing but will recuse himself from future discussions regarding this project.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Weston to continue the hearing for 42 Mill Street to November 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the request of the applicant and due to a lack of quorum without Mr. David. Unanimous.

290 Summer Street – Notice of Intent - DEP #338-0721 – Sora Realty – continued from 9/8/21

The Commission opened the public hearing and reviewed copies of the Notice of Intent for 290 and 298 Summer Street for proposed construction of two single- family dwellings, including the following:

1. WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent, submitted by Daniel Merriken of Legacy Engineering, LLC, 730 Main Street, Suite 2C, Millis, MA 02054, including thirteen (13) pages;
2. Plan titled “290 SUMMER STREET SITE PLAN OF LAND IN WESTWOOD, MA” dated 6/23/21, “298 SUMMER STREET SITE PLAN OF LAND IN WESTWOOD, MA” dated 6/23/21 last revised 10/28/21 and “290 & 298 SUMMER STREETSITE PLAN OF LAND IN WESTWOOD, MA” dated 6/23/21 last revised 10/28/21, including three (3) sheets;

Present is Daniel Merriken representing Domenic Esposito, owner of the properties.

Mr. Merriken states at the last meeting the Commission requested the pool be tied into an infiltration system for seasonal drawdown and trees and shrubs be added to the plan. An invasive plant removal plan will be provided to the Commission prior to occupancy of the home.

Mr. David states he would like to see specific language in the Order of Conditions stating there will never be expansion of the rear yard allowed.

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Weston, to issue an Order of Conditions with the following conditions:

1. **Per note on approved plan, nine (9) native deciduous trees and twenty-six (26) native shrubs, species approved by the Conservation Commission are to be planted at 290 Summer Street. These planting must have a 75% survival rate after two years. The applicant must notify the Commission with the date the planting is complete.**
2. **Per note on approved plan, thirteen (13) native deciduous trees and twenty-two (22) native shrubs, species approve by the Conservation Commission are to be planted at 298 Summer Street. These planting must have a 75% survival rate after two years. The applicant must notify the Commission with the date the planting is complete.**
3. **An Invasive Plant Removal Plan, approved by the Conservation Commission, must be submitted to the Commission prior to occupancy of the home.**
4. **The rear yard of both 290 Summer Street and 298 Summer Street cannot be expended any closer than the 35-foot buffer. Six (6) standard wetland boundary markers must be installed in the rear and side yard at 290 Summer Street. Seven (7) standard wetland boundary markers must be installed in the rear yard at 298 Summer Street. These markers are to permanently mark the 35-foot buffer as the limit of work.**

Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve the minutes of September 21, 2021 at 7:00 pm., which was held in conjunction with the Planning Board. Unanimous.

Motion made by Mr. David, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to approve the minutes of October 13, 2021 at 8:00 pm., which was held with only the Conservation Commission. Unanimous.

Discussion Items:

1. Commissioners' observations around town and next scheduled site visits
2. Current significant projects
3. Reserved for topics not reasonably anticipated to be discussed
4. Actively make buyers, property owners and realtors aware of WPA, wetland ordinance and stormwater ordinance
5. Brief Select Board on Concom and need for Conservation Land Management Plan

Upcoming Meeting: 11/10/2021 REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Motion made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Weston, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous.